

presentations by the EPI **Hospitality and Tourism Mgt. Unit**



New Era Agency, the winners

The annual marketing presentations by Aruba's professional training middle school, EPI, took place in the Marriott Ballroom on Monday evening, May 16; this year a landmark advance in the project that accounts for a major portion of the grade of future hospitality management and tourism executives, as their "client" was Fed Ex, a global concern with exacting requirements.

The program is organized Marketing Professor bv Sonia Yrausquin, assisted by

faculty member Oslin Boekhoudt.

The candidates for their Associate's Degree form ad agencies, which must select a name, image, and devise a marketing strategy for the particular product or service. The finish of the project is a presentation just as a professional agency would make to a potential client, convincing them that their marketing strategy is the most innovative and effective possible.

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Picture by Greg Peterson: 7 Greater Flamingoes sunning in Aruba's beaches! In May, between one to two thousand species of birds are on the move. This is the peak of the birds' spring migratory season. Birds can be observed all over the world on their journeys, quite often returning to their breeding grounds.

At this moment Aruba is being visited by a relatively small flock of Flamingoes.

The official name of this species of bird is, in English 'Greater Flamingo', in Dutch

'Rode Flamingo', in Papiamento 'Flamingo' and scientific 'Phoenicopterus ruber'.

The range of the Greater Flamingo is from the Caribbean region and from Central America south to North-eastern Brazil and the Galapagos Islands. This bird is a breeding resident in Bonaire and a regular nonbreeding visitor in rather large numbers in Curaçao

However, in Aruba its sta-

tus is classified as an irregular non-breeding visitor in small numbers. (This is just the third time that I have seen them in Aruba.

In the flock I counted 9 flamingoes of which I have captured 7 in this picture.).

So this is a very special treat for bird lovers in Aruba. A marvelous sight!

By: Greg Peterson, Aruba Birdlife Conservation



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Guatemala declares 'state of siege' after massacre

SANTA ELENA, Guatemala (AFP)–Residentsof Guatemala's northern Peten region hunkered down under a state of siege Tuesday after the worst massacre since the Central American nation's civil war ended in 1996.

Police and soldiers combed the jungle region along the Guatemala-Mexico border seeking members of Mexico's vicious Zetas drug gang, which authorities have blamed for the beheadings of 27 farmworkers.

"Guatemala must confront this aggression, which is not only toward the country, but also the entire region," President Alvaro Colom said .

The state of emergency allows authorities to restrict demonstrations and police to carry out night raids, as well as giving overall control to the army.

Colom said the order

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shootout in which two officers were wounded.

Guatemalan authorities have identified 15 of 27 migrant farm workers beheaded in the weekend killings at "Los Cocos" farm in La Lib-ertad, some 600 kilometers (370 miles) north of the capital Guatemala City.

Three minors. victims, authorities said.

"I'm alive thanks to God." "I played dead when they stabbed me in the stomach, then I hid and left at around 5:00 am (Sunday) and I came across a pile of human heads." Interior Minister Carlos

Menocal said Monday that the killers had been seeking to murder the farm's owner in a region where the Zetas are

The Zetas -- a gang set up by elite army deserters notorious for brutal slavings in Mexico -- have recently made inroads in prompting the government last December to declare a one-month "state of siege" in another northern department, Alta Verapaz.

one of Latin America's highest murder rates, the Central American nation is unaccustomed to the brutal, largescale killings which have rocked parts of Mexico in recent months.

would last 30 days in Peten, after police captured one suspect and killed two others in a

the youngest 13 years old, and two women were among the

blamed for rising violence.

discovery of a bomb near Dublin underscored the lingering threat from dissident republicans opposed to the peace process. Guatemala,

during historic Ireland visit Queen Elizabeth is the first British sovereign to visit Ireland since it won independence from Britain in

Britain's Queen Elizabeth meets students and staff of Trinity College Dublin

to remember the victims of

Ireland's struggle for inde-

pendence from Britain in a

landmark gesture on the first

visit of a British monarch to

historic four-day trip sur-

rounded by Ireland's biggest

ever security operation as the

Wearing white, the queen

The 85-year-old began her

the Irish Republic.

DUBLIN (AFP) - Oueen Eliz-The visit has been hailed as abeth II laid a wreath Tuesday

a sign of the progress made in Anglo-Irish relations after the hard-won peace in British-

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Queen remembers victims

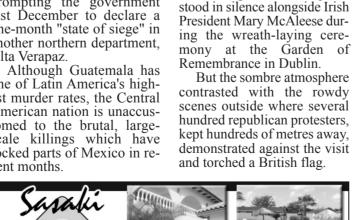
ruled Northern Ireland.

The visit of Oueen Elizabeth marks that turning point where we move on from the pages of history to working on a close relationship with two sovereign states," Irish Foreign Minister Eamon Gilmore told reporters.

At Trinity College, the queen was applauded by students and staff as she visited the university, which was founded on a charter from queen Elizabeth I. She stopped to chat to well-wishers and waved to the crowd as she left.

The royal couple viewed the Book of Kells national treasure, a ninth-century gospel manuscript.







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This article is long overdue; forgive us for failing to publish it earlier. Thanks for the many reactions to Part I of this article. It appears that there is quite some concern in the business world for some clear(er) direction regarding the matter of incentives. There are those who say, if you pay an employee really and truly what he is worth. there would be no need for any elaborate or trumped up incentive program. Well, before I give you my take on this, let me list the remaining three myths of incentive programs. To recapulate briefly, last edition I listed three myths: 1. it increases morale, 2. it increases productivity, and 3. it shows how generous your company is. Now let's see the other 3 myths:

4. It provides motivation.

My experience proves that indeed, a good incentive program will provide some motivation. It will provide motivation for the employee to get whatever is the reward you have put up...if motivation is your goal. However, I have learned that that is not the kind of motivation that companies are interested in.

Most incentive programs with motivation as their goal provide extrinsic motivation. However, companies are really interested in achieving intrinsic motivation in their workers. My understanding of an extrinsic motivator is one that offers a reward for action, albeit an empty pursuit for the reward itself. What you really want, actually, is intrinsic motivation. This is the kind of motivation that pushes people to accomplish, to work harder, to do better, and to stay home less, less AO (sickness leave)! This is the kind of motivation that is triggered by morale, great leadership and vision from management. Let me hasten to say that no guru motivator, local or international, can present an incentive program that would provide intrinsic motivation. The best you can hope for is



some extrinsic motivation in your people.

This means that you cannot implement an incentive program haphazardly; it will require serious thought, planning and the right strategy to achieve realistic expectations. You want to achieve higher quality from your people, specific and quantifiable objectives...as far as this is achievable and possible through intrinsic incentive motivation. In this context vou want to think clearly when inviting some "guru" from abroad to do your motivation for you. Remember, the best you can expect is some extrinsic motivation from them. You might be much better off getting a local motivator, who knows the culture, the job culture and needs of our people well, with ample experience in the field. I strive always to motivate people intrinsically, for that is what really matters. **5. The most important part is the reward**

Studies have shown that it really doesn't matter whether you use cash or simple recognition for a reward in your incentive program. The type or amount of the reward really makes no difference. What really matters here is the structure, the incentive structure employed, that defines the effect of the program. Managers and business owners who want to implement an effective incentive program must limit the time they spend on detailing the reward of the program and spend time instead on carefully crafting a valuable and effective incentive program. 6. Some competition is good

for employees

As a psychologist I can

tell you that many of the incentive programs that I have witnessed do more harm than good. These are the ones that involve competition. These types of incentive programs identifies a winner, and, believe me, whenever you identify a winner there will always be those who feel as if they have lost. And, a loser is not going to be a good performer by any standard! When you make employees compete for a limited spot (one employee of the week or month), you discourage team work and you devalue the variety of talent in your people. My take on this is that when you pit employees against each other on their work skills you are actually creating a disaster situation.

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This is all the space I have for this time. See next issue for my candid observations of our local situation here, Part III. Feel free to write to me with your thoughts and comments: tonygreen.morningnews@hotmail.com.



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Sanchoco Dominicano a huge success!



Organizer Mirto Lacle right, with Lio Booi and Percy Jeandor



Typical food, drink and costume of DR was sampled



Attendees explore Domincan Culture

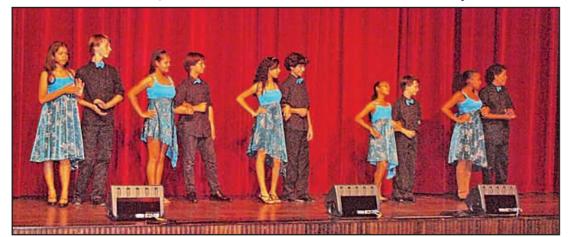
A busy afternoon of music, film, dance, typical food and exhibits, showcasing the cultural identity of the Dominican Republic, allowed visitors to feel they have been whisked off to this singular Caribbean destination and filled Aruba's Cas di Cultura to capacity on Sunday afternoon, May 15.

Beautifully maintained cars from eras past lined the street in front of the center, courtesy of the Aruba Classic Car Club. Musical group "Banda E Squema" performed in the auditorium where the film "Sol Caribe," was shown. This is a musical extravaganza documentary of a DR concert tour celebrating the nation's four rhythms-merengue, bachata, son, and merengue típico, performed by some of the greatest internationally recognized musical and vocal artists of that country.

Ana Ramona Garcia-Campos and her dance group Folclorico Cultural Dominicano were on the program along Pachanga Dance School and the young performers of Samantha Westrate's Club di Movimiento. During the breaks, attendees were able to enjoy typical dishes and beverages from the Dominican Republic, while discovering works by the nation's distinguished authors, poets and historians.

Sanchoco Dominicano was a celebration of the International Day of Integrated Culture. Organizing Committee Chairman Mirto Lacle expressed extreme satisfaction to the response to this tribute to the cultural background of a very large part of Aruba's migrant population, confirming it will motivate the group to organize another such event dedicated to other cultural influences from the region, hopefully, next year.

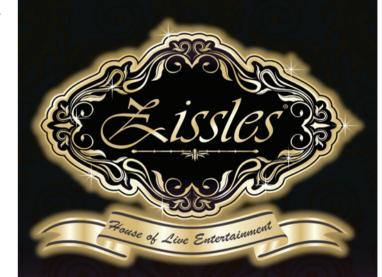
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Commercial Community received tremendous "Executive Briefing"

dressed the matter of the dif-

ferences between leadership

and management. Then, he

spoke about the importance of

synchronizing your vision

strategy with the operational

Bret Romney used his "5

keys" format to itemize the

most important aspects one

needs to keep in focus as you

bring your team to new levels.

He claims that one needs to

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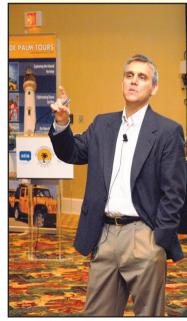
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Bret Romney of Ascend Strategies

On Friday, May 13, De Palm Corporation N.V. sponsored an "executive briefing" session with Bret Romney of Ascend Strategies for Aruba Trade and Industry Association members.

Bret Romney is founder and president of Ascend Strategies of Montana, USA. He is a renowned speaker on the topic of leading organizations to higher levels of achievement.

He is in demand for his workshops and retreats by different companies from different industries.

The "executive Briefing" session opened with a speech by ATIA director, Mrs. Joyce Bartels-Daal in the Marriott Resort Ballroom. Lissette Malmberg, director of The Palm Corporation, also addressed the audience, after which she introduced the keynote speaker, Mr. Bret Romney.

Romney gave an interesting presentation delineating the continuous changes that a business must encounter on the way to achieve the next level of success.

Businesses today are up against many internal and external challenges. They must have a clear vision, concrete strategies in order to achieve their vision and execute their plans and goals with enthusiasm, integrity and effectively.

Leadership is essential in order to achieve a company's mission. Romney first ad-



The huge public present

key is: aspiration – where you want the company to go and its objectives. The third key is: investigation – where are you today and where do you wish to be and how are you going to achieve this. The fourth key is: your plan, your blueprint – which route you must take to reach your goals and to ensure that everyone understands his function. He pointed out that this route is not necessarily a straight one, but that there will be obstacles that the company must face and will be required to make periodic changes and adjustments en route. The last key is: tempo - what ritmo/pace will you take to achieve the progress you desire to see and how are you going to manage those unexpected things that were not in your plan.

There were some questions fired at Romney by participants to clarify some of the challenges that Aruban companies are facing. Romney emphasized that leadership is fundamental with respect to the challenges we face today and for the opportunities of tomorrow. Participants of the very informative session were grateful for the initiative of the Palm Corporation in hosting and inviting them to such a valuable session of information which they can apply to their businesses.



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Bing and Facebook grow closer

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) -Microsoft this week began letting Bing search results re-flect "likes" of people's friends at Facebook as the social networking star and the software colossus grew closer.

"The best decisions are not just fueled by facts, they require the opinions and emotions of your friends," Bing senior vice president Yusuf Mehdi said in a release.

"We're marrying factbased search results with your friends' street smarts to combine the best data on the Web with the opinions of the people you trust the most and the collective IQ of the Web."

Microsoft also added a "Bing bar" button that Facebook members can use to indicate a "Like" for any web page they visit.

In October, Facebook and

Microsoft announced they were working together to personalizing Internet searches.

"This is just the beginning; there is going to be a whole lot more to come over time," Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg said as the collaboration was revealed.

Likes, interests and other information shared at Facebook hold the potential to let search engines tailor online searches to individuals and personalize results.

Microsoft's partnership with Facebook dates back four years to when the social networking service had just 100 employees and seven million members

Microsoft paid 240 mil-lion dollars in late 2007 for a 1.6 percent stake in Facebook. Bing is used to power Internet searches at the social network.

US astronomers launch search for alien life on 86 planets

recently.

The giant dish began this week pointing toplanets -- culled from a list of 1,235 possible planets identified by NASA's Kepler space telescope -- and will gather 24 hours of data on each one.

"It's not absolutely certain that all of these stars have habitable planetary systems, but they're very good places to look for ET," said University of California at Berkeley graduate Andrew student Siemion.

The mission is part of the SETI project, which stands for Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence, launched in the mid 1980s.

Last month the SETI Institute announced it was shuttering a major part of its efforts -- a 50 million dollar project with 42 telescope dishes known as the Allen Telescope Array (ATA) -- due

to a five million dollar budget shortfall.

ATA began in 2007 and was operated in partnership by the UC Berkeley Radio Astronomy Lab, which has hosted several generations of such experiments. It was funded by the SETI Institute and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

With ATA's dishes in hibernation for now, astronomers hope the powerful Green Bank Telescope, a previous incarnation of which was felled in a windstorm in 1988, will provide targeted information about potential life-supporting planets.

"Our search employs the largest fully steerable radio telescope on the planet, and the most sensitive radio telescope in the world capable of undertaking a SETI search of this kind," Siemion told AFP.

"We will be looking at a much wider range of frequencies and signal types than has ever been possible before," he added, describing the instrumentation as "at the very cutting edge of radio astronomy technology.

The surface of the telescope is 100 by 110 meters and it can record nearly one gigabyte of data per second, Siemion said.

The 17 million pound (7.7 million kilogram) telescope became operational in 2000 and is a project of the NSF's National Radio Astronomy Observatory.

"We've picked out the planets with nice temperatures -- between zero and 100 degrees Celsius -- because they are a lot more likely to harbor life," said physicist Dan Werthimer.



BEIJING (AFP) – Ming Ming, the world's oldest panda, has died of old age, Chinese state media reported on Tuesday. She was 34. Ming Ming was rescued in Pingwu country in the southwest province Sichuan in 1977 and had resided in Xiangjiang Wild Animal World, a safari park in southern

Guangdong province since 1998, the Global Times reported. She had lived much longer than most pandas. Wild pandas normally only live for 15 years and those in captivity live for 22 years on average, the report said. The China Panda Protection Centre in Sichuan confirmed in a statement that Ming Ming died on May 7, but the death was only reported by media on Tuesday. Blood was found in Ming Ming's urine on May 2 and medical experts determined her kidney had failed due to old age, the report said. Giant pandas are among the world's most endangered species, with about 1,600 living in the wild and over 300 bred in captivity

Heaven is a 'fairy story': Hawking

LONDON (AFP) - British scientist Stephen Hawking has branded heaven a "fairy story" for people afraid of the dark, in his latest dismissal of the concepts underpinning the world's religions.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A

massive radio telescope in

rural West Virginia has begun

listening for signs of alien life on 86 possible Earth-like

planets, US astronomers said

The author of 1988 international best-seller "A Brief History of Time" said in an interview with The Guardian published on Monday that his views were partly influenced by his battle with motor neurone disease.

"I have lived with the prospect of an early death for the last 49 years. I'm not afraid of death, but I'm in no hurry to die. I have so much I want to do first," he told the newspaper.

"I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when its components fail. There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down com-

puters; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark.'

Hawking's stance on religion has hardened significantly in the nearly quarter century since the publication of his seminal work on the cosmos.

In "A Brief History of Time" he suggested that the idea of a divine being was not necessarily incompatible with a scientific understanding of the Universe.



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Health Tip: To Feel Better, Exercise Harder

-- Vigorous exercise offers more of a mood boost than less strenuous exercise, a new study finds.

U.K. researchers compared 11 sedentary people who did moderate and high-intensity exercise. Their mood was assessed before, during, immediately following, and 20 minutes after they did the workouts.

The participants' moods were more negative during and

immediately after high-intensity exercise, compared to when they did the less strenuous exercise or no exercise. However, their mood 20 minutes after doing the vigorous workout was much better compared to before the workout.

This type of improvement did not occur after moderate or no exercise, the investigators found.

The study was scheduled for presentation Wednesday at

the annual meeting of the British Psychological Society in Glasgow, Scotland. Research presented at meetings is considered preliminary because it has not been subject to the scrutiny required for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

"These results have implications for the recommended intensity of exercise required to produce the 'feel good factor' often experienced following exercise," author Dr. Nickolas Smith of Manchester Metropolitan University, said in a society news release.

"There are also implications regarding how people new to regular exercise should expect to feel during the exercise itself if they are to experience post-exercise mood bene-to fits," he added.



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Winning group New Era with Mike Michael Murkowski



Blue Tree Group

Past sponsors have included the Aruba Tourism Authority and Tourism Corporation Bonaire, this year, the polish and glamour of the final event reflected the generous sponsorship of FedEx.

FedEx Vice President of Marketing Customer Experience for the LAC Division, F. Michael Murkowski, traveled

Aside from the organized sales pitch, which required them to survey the potential market, examine SWOT and innovative ways to "brand" FedEx in the marketplace, the students also had to produce sales materials and create the sort of booth one would see at trade conventions.

> Murkowski, Michael



EPI Dean Ryan Maduro, Michael Murkowski, Natasha Alarcon and Oslin Briesen

from Miami to witness and when addressing the audijudge the presentations along with Natasha Alarcon, Senior Segment Marketing Specialist for PR and the Caribbean and Willette Lowe, International Sales Manager, LAC Division.

This year, 3 teams gave their presentations under the names of Blue Tree, New Age and New Era agencies.

ence of proud parents and family of the students, along with school faculty, declared he was particularly impressed with the attention to detail and how remarkably well prepared and professional were the presentations in every aspect. "Each group brought us something we could definitely use," he commented. "They obviously did a thorough study of FedEx in relation to Aruba and the Caribbean, pointing out weak points and providing viable suggestions as to how we can strengthen our position."

The particular task before the students was to devise a plan for FedEx to tap into the tourist market as a client for their shipping services.

Blue Tree Group, consisting of Orson Oduber, Leonardo Hernandez, Siddharth Daswani, Reginald Boek-houdt and Derryl Wirth, suggested partnering with a company such as De Palm Tours, which has a very strong presence in a majority of Aruba's resorts, to create more sales points and customer awareness.

New Age, consisting of Janice Dirkz, Brigalshi Kool-Wever, man, Giovanni Raymrick Hernandez, Jenrard Dirksz and Thalina Willems, suggested stronger presence, typified by attractive drop boxes using a computerized interface, would allow tourists to easily ship home oversized souvenirs, rather than dragging them around or paying extra luggage fees to fly home with them. Considering this can cost \$100 per item, it is highly likely shipping it with FedEx would be certainly worth considering.

Final presenters, New Era, staffed by Noemi Tromp, Evelyn Peterson, Joraine Lopez, Jackie Lou Bueno and Jun Carlos De La Cruz, sought to pursue a particular niche market, which they projected as being extremely profitable within 5 years; the wedding destination industry. A fanciful and amusing promotional plan punctuated



New Age Agency

with attractive financial figures, which Mr. Murkowski termed as "flawless and imaginative" won them the top place and "winners" of the program. "I do wish to emphasize the excellence of all the presentations," he de-clared, "the finals standing was decided by only fractions of points."

All students received a gift from FedEx and a letter of commendation for their work, which they can attach to their resumes when seeking employment after graduation, with the message they were welcome to direct future employers to his offices at FedEx for a personal recommendation.

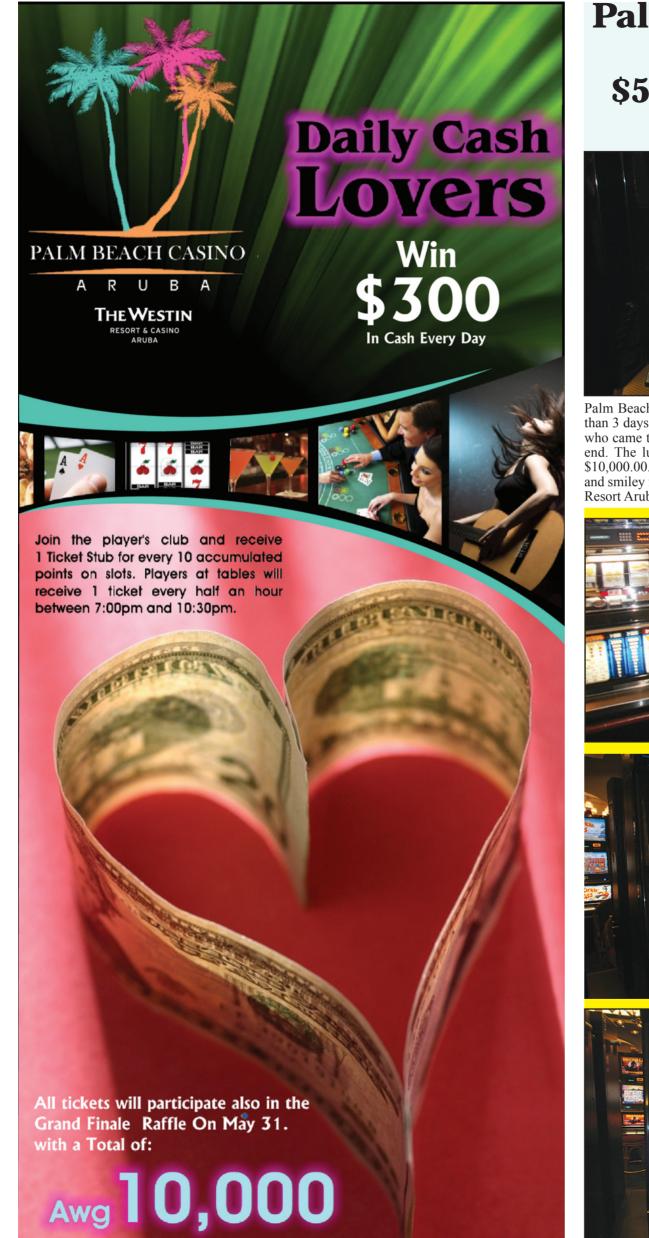
After the declarations of the winners, Mr. Murkowski and Ms. Alarcon presented Dean of Students Ryan Maduro a gift to the EPI School for involving FedEx in this worthwhile exercise. They in turn received souvenir craft clocks for their participation and support of the program.

'At the end of this evening we may turn out the lights and go home," said Sonia Yrausquin, "but you have ignited a fire in the hearts of our students that they will carry with them long after."



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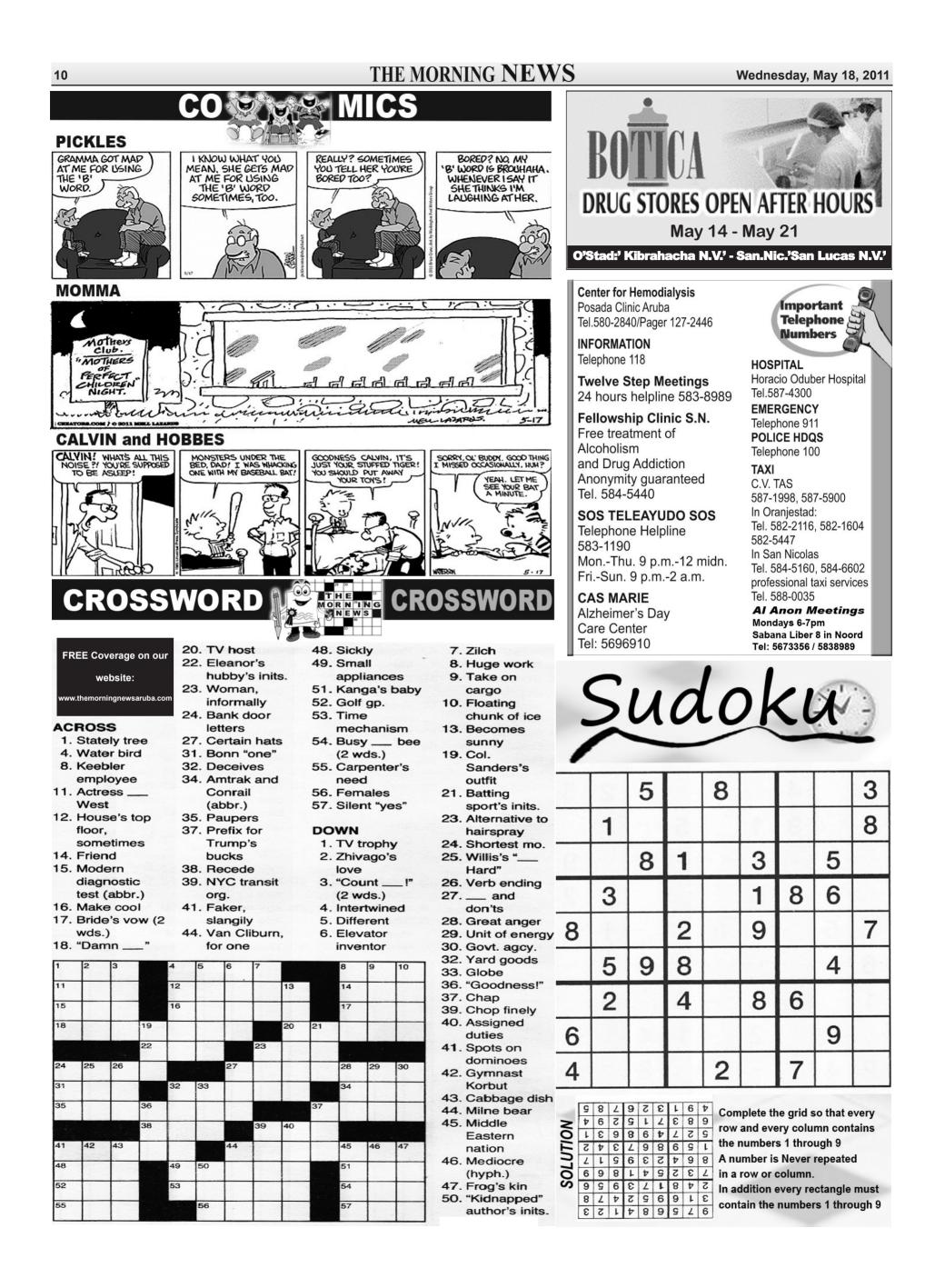
Palm Beach Casino gives away \$50,000.00 in less than 3 days



Palm Beach Casino has given out a total of \$50,000.00 in less than 3 days. Several Jackpots were won by tourists and locals, who came to play their favorite slot machines during the weekend. The lucky winners hit Jackpots between \$1,000.00 and \$10,000.00. On the photo's we show you some of the Jackpots and smiley faces at the Palm Beach Casino situated at the Westin Resort Aruba.









Europe steps back from Strauss-Kahn as IMF jockeying starts

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) -European powers Tuesday began lobbying to keep the top IMF job in Europe's hands, distancing themselves from Dominique Strauss-Kahn as French finance minister Christine Lagarde emerged as a possible replacement.

As Strauss-Kahn languished in New York's Rikers Island jail awaiting trial on charges of attempted rape, talk of his replacement was rife at a two-day European Union finance ministers aimed at battling the ongoing euro crisis.

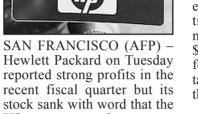
As potential runners and riders began to emerge, "the feeling is it's not for Europe to budge," said a highly-placed diplomat who asked not to be named

Lagarde, he added, is considered "certainly a credible candidate," but EU partners are "waiting to see if (French President Nicolas) Sarkozy will put her forward."

Asked whether she could step into Strauss-Kahn's shoes, Lagarde herself refused comment saying "there is a judicial process taking place," while an aide stated that "the issue is not currently on the table."

But sources close to the French minister had hinted before Strauss-Kahn fell from grace that Lagarde, who enjoyed working and living in the United States, had expressed interest in the powerful IMF post.

France has had four of the 11 IMF bosses since the institution was set up to towards the end of World War II, which may prove Lagarde's biggest drawback



recent fiscal quarter but its stock sank with word that the US computer colossus was bracing for tough times later in the year. HP reported that it made

\$2.3 billion in profit on \$31.6 billion in revenue during the fiscal quarter that ended April 30 in a showing that bested the same period a year earlier by five percent and three percent respectively.

"HP executed well and delivered a solid quarter," said HP chief executive Leo Apotheker.

"We are accelerating our efforts to align our services business model to our longterm strategy to deliver unprecedented value to our customers and a better return for our shareholders."The earnings beat analysts' predictions but the stock price sank more than eight percent to \$36.55 a share after the California company cut its expectations regarding earnings for the full year.

face of tough times

HP said it expected revenue for the fiscal year to be from \$129 billion to \$130 billion

The gloomier outlook reflected "near-term impact from the Japan earthquake and related events" along with soft sales of personal computers to a public increasingly enchanted with tablet devices.

HP said it also expected reduced operating profit in the competitive business tech services sector.

The company moved up the release of its latest earnings figures after leaked internal memos revealed that Apotheker was calling on executives to be frugal with HP's

money

The chief executive has reportedly vowed to ferret out the source of the leak, which was not mentioned in an early-morning earnings conference call.

The company saw strong revenues in sales of business computers, software, and printers but consumer demand was lower than its "cautious" expectations, according to Apotheker.

HP has trimmed its earnings forecasts in both fiscal quarters since Apotheker took over as chief executive of the firm

Apotheker took the HP helm late last year to replace Mark Hurd, who resigned as HP chief in early August after a sexual harassment probe uncovered subterfuge with company expenses.

He previously worked as CEO of Germany's SAP, which he left a year ago after a short tenure.

orway advises Cuba

HAVANA, Cuba (AFP) - Norwegian experts are advising Cuba on its offshore oil field a few months before the island is expected to begin drilling in its Gulf of Mexico economic zone, Norwegian deputy chancellor Ingrid Fiskaa said Tuesday.

The two governments signed four cooperation agreements, including one involving Cuba's exploration of its offshore oil reserves.

"This is a cooperative effort by Norway in which we share our experience managing oil resources, drilling technology and offshore Fiskaa told redrilling," porters.

According to officials at

Cubapetroleo (Cupet), the island expects to drill five wells with the hope of finding "even larger deposits."

Meanwhile Hydro, a Norwegian aluminum and energy company, has formed a consortium with Spain's Repsol and India's OVL to drill in a six-block area of Cuba's Gulf of Mexico economic zone once a drilling platform arrives from China, according to the Cuban government.

Cuba also signed a marine aquaculture agreement with Norway to try to develop the Caribbean island's fish stocks "in some sort of commercial form," said Norway's ambassador to Cuba, John Petter Opdhal.



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Spain's Gamesa touts big Indian wind turbine deal The announcement pushed Gamesa shares up 1.99 percent to 6.40 euros in afternoon trade. Gamesa said it would pro-

duce the turbines at its factories in India, supplying 150 MW of turbine capacity in 2012 alone.

"The deal represents a turning point in the Indian wind energy market and heralds further progress in the industry's rapid growth in India," the company said.

Wind turbine capacity totalling 2,500 MW was installed in India 2010 and the country's targets call for the 5,000 MW a year through 2015, it said.

The wind sector in India had been growing at 30-40 percent annually in the past five years and this was set to accelerate. the company said.

Gamesa announced earlier this month that net profit rose 67 percent from a year earlier to 13 million euros (18 million) in the first quarter of 2011, notably because of surging wind turbine sales in India.

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MADRID (AFP) – Spanish wind turbine giant Gamesa said it had won a \$2 billion (1.4-billion-euro) deal to supply turbines in India, touting it as one of the largest contracts of its kind in the world.

Gamesa signed an outline agreement with Caparo Energy India Ltd to deliver wind turbines with a combined capacity of 2,000 MW over the next five years, it said in a statement.

The agreement was one of the largest wind turbine contracts signed in India and among the biggest in the world, Gamesa said. It was valued at \$2 billion over the five years, a spokeswoman told AFP.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their in-

"Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there.'

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning club-



vestment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years.

house complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their invest-



ment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service, There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and preshopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

Visit their website: www. goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

One of the distinctions of into local cuisine. "We will Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban res- taurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin



Grandma's stoba with classic rice/peas and homemade potato-beat salad

restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

generations, which is acknow-'Carni Stoba di Mamachi"-'Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor Varella's mom, Luisa, is at the end of the Weststraat, The still in the kitchen, conjuring Queen's is open from 11:00 up the delicious dishes that a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offerhave been in her family for ing indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, ledged on the menu with aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

> We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

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Foster thinks Cannes film can be 'therapeutic' for Gibson



CANNES, France (AFP) Jodie Foster drew cheers at Cannes on Tuesday for her latest film "The Beaver" and said she thought the experience of making it could be "therapeutic" for her troubled star Mel Gibson

The small-budget drama, directed by Foster and featuring Gibson as a depressed toy company executive who turns to a beaver hand puppet to help him get his life back on track, had a shaky opening at US cinemas this month.

But critics in Cannes, where the film is screening out of competition, embraced the eccentric picture in which twotime Oscar winner Foster plays Gibson's confused wife, shower-

ing it with frequent laughs and a warm round of applause at a packed presentation.

Gibson, who has faced allegations of domestic violence and been caught in a string of misogynistic and anti-Semitic rants in recent years, skipped the traditional post-screening press conference but was due to appear on the red carpet for the gala festival screening.

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"He won't be talking but he'll be here," Foster, 48, quipped as she fielded reporters' questions in English as well as her fluent French.

Much of the discussion around the film has centred on the unusual overlap between the on-screen storyline and Gibson's off-screen travails, and whether his presence in the film would be box-office poison.

Foster said she had counted Gibson, 55, as a close friend for several years and believed their work together on the movie would help him with his inner demons.

Foster said despite his public image, Gibson was "so unneurotic" as an actor that he was a pleasure to work with and actually quite popular among directors.

Arnold Schwarzenegger Admits to Fathering Child



SAN FRANCISCO – Former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger,63, has acknowledged that he fathered a child more than ten years ago with a member of his household staff, the Los Angeles Times reported on Tuesday.

In a statement made in response to questions from the newspaper, Schwarzenegger said: "After leaving the governor's office I told my wife about this event, which occurred over a decade ago."

"I understand and deserve the feelings of anger and disappointment among my friends and family. There are no excuses and I take full responsibility for the hurt I have caused. I have apologized to Maria, my children and my family. I am truly sorry." "While I deserve your attention and criticism, my family does not." the statement concluded.

His wife, Maria Shriver, 55 last week announced they had separated earlier this year. They have been married 25 years and have four children.



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Golf For a Good Cause FIFA chief Blatter **Sparks Much Interest**



Presidente di Aruba Lions Club (L), Claret Lopez giving the opening speach and (R) together with theOrganizing Cometee of the Aruba Lions Club.



Team RBTT Bank



some participants preparing

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In the "individual Stroke

Play" category, first prize went

to Junior Croes, who main-

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with a "net score" of 71. Sec-

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in at first place with 76 points,

and Cisco Quant in second

place with a "gross Score" of

Man Scramble" was the Valero

The winning team in the "4-

Some 60 golfers met Saturday afternoon at the Tierra del Sol for the 2nd annual Golfers for Charity Golf Tournament, organized by the Aruba Lions Club. The Lions Club, one of Aruba's service clubs, charges a registration fee which ultimately goes back to the community in their ongoing donation projects throughout the entire year.

Here are the scores for this 2nd annual charity Golf Tournament:

team with the participation of Jon Bidnick, Lee Sherman, Kenneth Norwood and Gene Yan. Second place team winners were the RBTT Bank with the participation of Pierre Rafini, Dante Leandi, Alex Molina and Greg Martis.

This 2nd annual Golfers for Charity Golf Tournament is made possible by various eager supporters who decided to support the Aruba Lions Club. These supporters are: the Aruba Bank, CMB, Banco di Caribe, RBTT Bank, SETAR, Home 2 Go, Big Twin, Abo Aruba, Radisson Resort, Westin Resort, Buccaneer Restaurant, Peanuts Restaurant and Las Ramblas Restaurant.

The winners of both the individual prizes and the team prizes went home with numerous weekend stays in our hotels and dinners for 2 in one of our renowned restaurants. In addition to the great prizes, everyone remarked that the event was fun filled and that they made many friends, and above all else, they enjoyed a good game of golf which ultimately went to a really good cause.

The Aruba Lions Club is one of the oldest clubs on the island, existing since 1947! The club is well known for its many fund raising projects designed to assist the community. The club is known to generate approximately 700 thousand Florins annually which go back to the community to assist a long list of needy organizations and institutions.

accuses English of sour grapes

ZURICH, Switzerland (AFP) - FIFA president Sepp Blatter on Tuesday accused the English of sour grapes over their lost bid to host the 2018 World Cup.

FIFA has been rocked by new allegations of graft after a British parliamentary committee last week heard testi-mony about bribes being offered during the bidding process to host the 2018 and 2022 World Cups.

The corruption allegations attracted wide coverage in the British press, with reports branding FIFA officials "sleazeballs" and "rotten to the core"

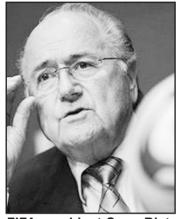
"The British press have always been very critical regarding football and FIFA. It didn't start with me. It's been a long time," Blatter told AFP.

"There is a sort of stubbornness against football and FIFA. Of course there is the fact that England didn't get the World Cup. But perhaps you have to analyse why.

"The English say: 'If we'd been told that the World Cup was going towards new territories, we wouldn't have bid.'

"If they'd followed the policy of the FIFA president, they would have seen that the World Cup was in the process of circulating, in Asia (2002), South Africa (2010), Brazil (2014)...

Lord David Triesman, the former Football Association



FIFA president Sepp Blatter has accused the English of sour grapes over

and England 2018 World Cup bid chairman, claimed last week there had been "improper and unethical behaviour" by several senior FIFA officials, including Issa Hayatou from Cameroon and Jacques Anouma from the Ivory Coast, in relation to the bid.

The accusations come after FIFA last year suspended two members of its executive committee for one to three years following a probe into alleged misdealings in bidding for the 2018 and 2022 World Cups. And Blatter, who is bid-

ding for a fourth term as FIFA president in June, said he was doing all he could to deal with corruption in the sport.

"I'm here to put football back on track," said Blatter.





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Roddick in doubt for Indians rout Royals **French Open**



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TORONTO	21	20 .512 3.0
BOSTON	21	20 .512 3.0
BALTIMORE	19	21 .475 4.5
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CLEVELAND	25	13 .658
DETROIT	22	19.537 4.5
KANSAS CITY	20	20.500 6.0
CHICAGO	17	25.405 10.
MINNESOTA	12	27 .308 13.5
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SAN DIEGO	18	23 .439 4.5
ARIZONA	17	23 .425 5.0

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AFP) – The Cleveland Indians posted their biggest offensive explosion in over two years by scoring 10 runs in the fourth inning of a 19-1 rout over Kansas City Royals

Michael Brantley on Monday blasted a three-run homer and Travis Hafner smashed a bases-loaded double in the 10-run fourth inning for the Indians.

Vin Mazzaro made history for all the wrong reasons as he gave up 14 runs in the worst performance in franchise history by a Kansas City pitcher.

Right hander Mazzaro was charged with 14 runs on 11 hits in 2 1-3 innings.

"It's tough. It was a tough game," said Mazzaro, the third pitcher of the night for Kansas City. "Some of the

plays didn't go my way. It's a funny game.

Mazzaro, 25, is just the third Major League Baseball pitcher since 1947 to allow 14 runs in a game. The Royals previous record of 11 was achieved three times.

He is also the first relief pitcher to surrender 14 runs since 1942, when Philadelphia Athletics' Lester Mc-Crabb did it.

It marked the Indians best day at the plate since April 2009 when they scored 22 runs against the New York Yankees.

Oddly enough Mazzaro was not credited with the loss.

The dubious honour went to starting pitcher Kyle Davies, who left the game after walking batters to load the bases in the first inning and then retiring just one batter.

X Games plans global growth in 2013

NEW YORK (AFP) – The X Games, a US-based multisport festival including such sports as skateboarding and motocross, will expand globally in 2013 with three new events to start in 2013, founder ESPN announced on Tuesday.

ESPN produces current events in Los Angeles and winter-sport haven Aspen, Colorado, plus another in France with partner Canal Plus. Cities will bid in 2012 to host three other 2013 X Games to be staged outside the United States.

The X Games, which began in 1995, includes BMX cycling, skateboarding, motocross and rally car racing while the Winter X Games features skiing, snowboard and snowmobile events.

Olympic snowboard champion Shaun White and skateboarding legend Tony Hawk are among the athletes whose stature has grown as their sports have been featured in such competitions.

Cities chosen in 2012 would sign a three-year presentation deal with ESPN, with new sports and cultural elements from host regions set to be part of the X Games lineup.

We are incredibly excited take the X Games to the said Scott next level," Guglielmino, senior vice president of programming and Global X Games.

Since 1998, the X Games has organized smaller-level demonstration and qualifying events in Brazil, Canada, China, Dubai, France, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mex-



NICE, France (AFP) – America's three-time Wimbledon finalist Andy Roddick is a doubt for the French Open after he was forced to withdraw from the ATP tournament in Nice on Tuesday because of a shoulder injury.

The 28-year-old had been hoping to get a much-needed confidence boost after firstround exits on clay at both the Madrid and Rome Masters, but he conceded defeat and decided he would not be able to play his singles match on Wednesday against Romanian Victor Hanescu.

"I was already injured last week in Rome and I had to withdraw from the men's doubles final," said Roddick, whose best performance at Roland Garros was a fourthround showing in 2009.

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"I don't know yet if I will be able to play at Roland Garros and I think that you can't play a Grand Slam if you're not 100 percent," added Roddick, who is presently ranked 11th in the world.

Roddick said that he did not want to risk aggravating the injury to such an extent that he might miss Wimbledon on his more favoured surface of grass.

"It is painful more when I am hitting backhands and forehands than when I am serving, and there is little bit of tendinitis," said Roddick.

"I want to avoid spending months out injured. It has not been a very good year so far."

Players, owners halt talks for three weeks

MINNEAPOLIS (AFP) - National Football League club owners and players concluded a court-ordered negotiating session Tuesday with no plans to resume talks until after a court hearing on the ongoing lockout.

A sixth day of talks before judge Arthur Boylan ended with no hint of a new collective bargaining agreement with both sides saying they will not return to the table until June 7.

That will be four days after the US Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis conducts a hearing on the legality of the league's current lockout, which bars players from club facilities or any contact with coachingt staffs.

Billionaire club owners and millionaire players have been unable to agree on how to divide \$9.1 billion in annual revenues, creating the first shutdown in America's most popular spectator sport since 1987.

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Killebrew dies at 74

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota (AFP) – Minnesota Twins legend Harmon Killebrew, who blasted 573 home runs during a 22-year Major League Baseball career, died Tuesday at his Arizona home aged 74

Killebrew revealed last December that he was suffering from esophageal cancer and last week said that doctors had determined there was nothing more they could do and he would no longer continue medical treatment.

The slugger returned to his home in Scottsdale, Arizona, last week and died there on Tuesday morning with his wife Nita and their family at his side.

Known as a power hitter who could produce key hits in crucial moments, Killebrew ranks 11th on the alltime major league home run list. His eight campaigns with at least 40 homers rank second only to Babe Ruth.

Killebrew, voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1984, won the 1969 American League Most Valuable Player award for a season where he hit 49 homers, walked 145 times and drove in 140 runs. Those marks remain Twins team records.

We are open everyday from 1 lam - 1 lpm **Derby runner-up Nehro to skip Preakness** BALTIMORE, Maryland (AFP) – Kentucky Derby runner-up Nehro will not com-

pete in Saturday's Preakness, owner Ahmed Zayat announced yesterday, saying he does not want the horse to risk an injury after a busy racing season.

The pullout reduces the

field of challengers for Derby winner Animal Kingdom as the three-year-old colt tries to capture the second leg of American horse racing's Triple Crown.

Nehro finished 2 3/4 lengths behind Animal Kingdom on May 7 at Churchill Downs after coming second in

two major tune-up events, the March 26 Louisiana Derby and April 16 Arkansas Derby. Zayat plans to race Nehro in

the final race of the Triple Crown series, the Belmont Stakes on June 11 in New York. No horse since Affirmed in 1978 has completed a Triple

Crown sweep.



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